

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2019-176-E**

IN RE: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act)
 (H.3659) Proceeding to Establish Each)
 Electrical Utility's Standard Offer,)
 Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form)
 Contract Power Purchase Agreements,)
 Commitment to Sell Forms, and Any)
 Other Terms or Conditions Necessary)
 (Includes Small Power Producers)
 as Defined in 16 United States Code 796,)
 as Amended))

**PETITION
TO
INTERVENE**

This Commission established Commission Docket 2019-176-E, on May 23, 2019, as a result of the South Carolina General Assembly's passage of Bill, H.3659 and the Governor's signing of the same into Law. The South Carolina Energy Freedom Act, Section 58-41-20(A), (hereinafter as, "Section 58-41-20(A)"), required this Commission, as soon as was practicable, to establish this Docket.

Petitioner herein is South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Inc., ("SCSBA" or "Petitioner"). This Petition to Intervene is filed pursuant to R. 103-825, of this Commission's Rules and Regulations and other applicable Rules and Regulations of this Commission, and Petitioner seeks permission to intervene and be made a party of record in the above-referenced Docket, with full rights of participation.

1. SCSBA is a Public Benefit Non-Profit Corporation, by a conversion filing on May 17, 2017, with the South Carolina Secretary of State's office, originally organized on October 21, 2009, pursuant to Chapter 44 of Title 33 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and, since that date, remaining in good standing with the South Carolina Secretary of State.

2. SCSBA's principal place of business is currently co-located with that of Southern Current LLC at 1519 King Street Extension, Charleston, South Carolina 29405 and SCSBA's mailing address is currently co-located with that of the Hannah Solar Government Services, LLC at 1090 Jack Primus Road, Charleston, South Carolina, 29492.

3. SCSBA is organized for the purpose of promoting and advocating public policy positions supportive of solar power generation in South Carolina.

4. SCSBA is a Public Benefit Non-Profit Corporation, whose Board Members are the following individuals, all of whom conduct solar energy-related business in South Carolina under the company names indicated:

- a. Bret Sowers (Southern Current LLC);
- b. Jarrett Branham (Alder Energy Systems, LLC);
- c. Johnny Bagley (Hannah Solar Government Services, LLC);
- d. Andrew Berrier (Pine Gate Renewables);
- e. Steffanie Dohn (Southern Current LLC);
- f. Tyson Grinstead (Sunrun Inc.); and
- g. Tyler Norris (Cypress Creek Renewables).

5. Petitioner, SCSBA's Trade Members includes solar energy developers, engineering procurement and construction, contractors, professional service firms, equipment distributors and equipment manufacturers engaged in the business of solar energy generation in South Carolina and across the nation. A majority of Petitioner, SCSBA's Board Members' companies maintain offices in South Carolina.

6. Therefore, SCSBA is financially impacted by the important decisions to be made by this Commission in this Docket, consistent with Section 58-41-20(A), of the South Carolina Energy Freedom Act.

7. Specifically, Petitioner, SCSBA's Trade Members conduct business throughout South Carolina and Petitioner, SCSBA has a material interest in the outcome of this Docket.

8. This Commission's compliance with Section 58-41-20(A) will directly impact the operations of the Members of Petitioner, SCSBA, because of Petitioner, SCSBA's substantial business interests throughout South Carolina.

9. Petitioner's position is that Petitioner, SCSBA and its Members have a direct and substantial interest in this Docket and Petitioner's interests cannot be adequately addressed by any other party. Petitioner's further position is that Members of Petitioner, SCSBA will be directly impacted. Therefore, the decisions of this Commission are important to the Petitioner and its Trade Members from a financial and business standpoint. Petitioner's Intervention will aid this Commission, by assisting in the development of a full and fair record to address the important decisions to be made in this Docket.

10. Petitioner should be allowed to intervene in this Docket, with full rights of cross-examination, discovery and participation in any Hearing to be scheduled in this Docket.

11. The granting of SCSBA's Petition to Intervene is (i) in the public interest and (ii) consistent with the policies of this Commission in encouraging maximum public participation in issues before it and intervention should be allowed so that a full and complete record addressing its views and concerns can be developed.

12. This Petition to Intervene is timely filed with this Commission.

13. Petitioner, SCSBA has previously received approval for intervention from this Commission on numerous occasions, including Commission Docket 2015-362-E, Docket 2015-8-E, Docket 2016-2-E, Docket 2016-1-E, Docket 2016-3-E, Docket 2016-9-E, Docket 2016-8-E, Docket 2016-10-E, Docket 2017-2-E, Docket 2017-1-E, Docket 2017-3-E, Docket 2017-305-E, Docket 2017-370-E, Docket 2018-2-E, Docket 2018-3-E, Docket 2018-202-E, Docket 2018-320-E, Docket 2018-10-E, Docket 2018-318-E, Docket 2018-319-E, Docket 2019-2-E; Docket 1995-1192-E, Docket 2019-9-E and Docket 2019-1-E.

14. SCSBA is represented by counsel in this proceeding:

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WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for the following relief:

(a) That this Petition to Intervene be accepted and that Petitioner be made a party of record;

(b) That Petitioner be allowed to participate fully in this proceeding and take such positions as it deems advisable; and

(c) For such other and further relief as this Commission may deem just and proper.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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